

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Tran for discussing this application over the telephone with patent attorney Philip S. Lyren on April 30, 2007. The application is amended in accordance with that telephone discussion.

The Office Action states that the reissue declaration is defective for failing to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. This rejection is traversed since Applicants submit a supplemental declaration identifying an example of at least one species that was not claimed in the original patent. Specifically, the declaration identifies figures 6a – 6b and figures 9a – 9d showing exemplary species.

As requested in the Office Action, the newly added claims are underlined in their entirety.

As requested in the Office Action, the specification is amended to cross-reference the original patent 6,046,968.

The status of the claims is as follows: claims 1-109 are pending; claims 110-210 are canceled; claims 34 and 35 are amended. Support in the disclosure for amended claims 34 and 38 occurs at least at col. 6, line 8 – col. 7, line 57, col. 10, line 15 – col. 15, line 39, and original claims 34 and 35.

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